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(See article page 325)

## OUR BELIEF CONCERNING JESUS CHRIST

By PRESIDENT J. REUBEN CLARK JR.

OF THE FIRST PRESIDENCY

**I** WISH to state the faith, the belief and the knowledge of the Latter-day Saints regarding Jesus of Nazareth.

We accept literally the words of John concerning the Christ: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

The Christ has declared in our own day: "I was in the beginning with the Father, and am the Firstborn."

We also accept John's declaration that Jesus Christ was the Creator of the world, that "all things were made by Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made."

We believe that in a great council in Heaven held before the world was, Satan proposed one plan for creation and ruling the world and its progeny, and that Christ proposed another; that Satan's plan was rejected, as taking away the agency of man, and Christ's was accepted as keeping man's agency.

We believe that in obedience to the Plan, Christ created the world and all that in it is, first spiritually, then temporally, and that in this work of creation He acted as one of the Great Trinity of three distinct Personages, the Godhead, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

We believe that following this creation, the Lord from time to time showed Himself to man, either in person or in vision, or dream, or by speech, beginning even with Adam, and later to Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Moses, Samuel, Daniel and others on the Eastern Hemisphere, and to many prophets on the Western continents; that on this (the Western) Hemisphere, in one of the most glorious

theophanies of all time, the Lord showed Himself, before His birth, to the Brother of Jared, the man of greatest faith of his time, saying: "Because of thy faith thou hast seen that I shall take upon me flesh and blood." "Behold, this body, which ye now behold, is the body of my spirit; and even as I appear unto thee to be in the spirit will I appear unto my people in the flesh."

We believe that in the Meridian of Time, Mary the Virgin gave birth to Jesus, the Only Begotten of the Father, in very deed and fact the Son of God; that Jesus was crucified upon the cross;

### This Address

This succinct treatise from President Clark was given as a sermon on Columbia network's national "Church of The Air" radio programme at the 106th Annual General Conference of the Church in the Salt Lake Tabernacle. The occasion marked the first time that the three members of the First Presidency had participated together on a national broadcast. The full text of President Heber J. Grant's remarks appeared in last week's issue. President David O. McKay's address will be published next week.

Briefly but lucidly, President Clark describes here Latter-day Saint beliefs concerning Jesus of Nazareth, whose very Church, bearing His holy name, has been restored in its fulness in these last days.

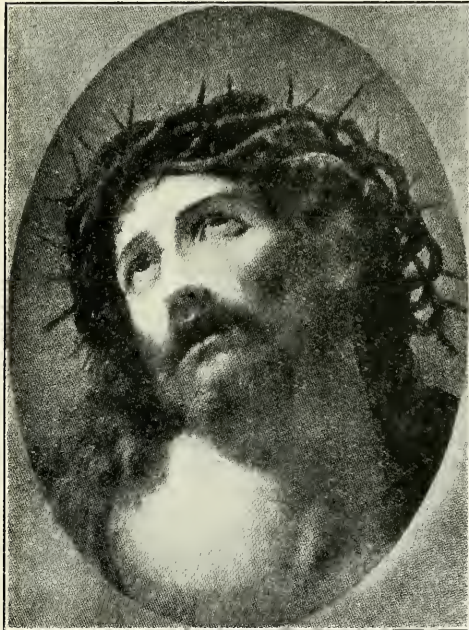
that He was buried and lay in the tomb till the morning of the third day, when He was verily resurrected from the dead—that His spirit and His body reunited and He rose from the tomb a perfect, glorified, living soul; that thus Christ atoned for Adam's Fall from which man is so redeemed, and that all men will by reason of that atonement be resurrected—that is, the body and the spirit of every person born into the world will at some time after death, and in the due course

of the Lord, be reunited, thus fulfilling Paul's saying: "As in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive."

We believe that except for this atonement of Christ for the Fall of Adam, man would, through all the eternities, have remained under the penalty of the mortal and spiritual death brought upon the human family by Adam.

We thus believe Christ to be in the full, true and most literal sense, the Creator of the world, one of the Godhead, the Only Begotten of the Father, the Son of God, the promised Messiah, the first fruits of the resurrection, the Redeemer of the World.

We believe that some eighteen hundred years after the Son's death and resurrection, the Father and the Son, two glorified personages having human form, appeared to a boy 14 years of age, even



"Crown of Thorns"

(By Guido Reni)

"All men will, by reason of that atonement, be resurrected. . . ."

as the Lord came of old to the child Samuel in the Temple; that the Father, pointing to the Son said: "This is my beloved Son, Hear Him"; and that the Son, responding to the lad's inquiry as to which of the many sectarian creeds were right, told the lad that none of them was right, and that he should join none of them.

We believe that through the instrumentality of this same lad, Joseph Smith, grown to maturity, the Lord restored to earth the true Gospel and the Priesthood of God which had been taken from the earth because of the transgressions of men.

Hundreds of thousands of Latter-day Saints, living and dead, have proclaimed their absolute knowledge of the truth of every declaration I have made; some of them have sealed their testimonies with a martyr's blood. To the testimony of the humblest of all these, I wish in humility to add my own.



Bristol Branch M Men On The Softball Field

## THE M MEN LEAD OUT AGAIN

AMERICA'S premier winter sport is basketball. In schools, in colleges, in clubs and in fact in almost every place where athletics are fostered this indoor game takes precedence during frigid months. Hundreds of thousands participate. Largest of the leagues in the entire United States is the M Men competition of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. More than 12,000 youths between the ages of 17 and 25 years from Canada, Mexico and the States competed for a place in the finals which were held in Utah last March.

In Great Britain, the M Men-members of the same organization which is leading in mass participation in America's basketball—are showing the way in a new and potentially popular sport. This activity is softball, a fascinating game played with a bat and a leather-covered ball of the size and softness of a grapefruit. This summer, softball will be introduced into the United Kingdom on a national—or rather, international—scale. And the M Men will sponsor the competition. On August Bank Holiday (August 3) a tournament open to M Men championship teams of the Mission's 14 districts is being arranged for. It is expected that the softball tournament, like the second annual Mission M Men track and field meet in Kidderminster at Whitsuntide, will attract contestants from four lands: Scotland, Ireland, Wales and England. The meet committee expects to defray half of the travelling expenses to London of teams competing. Already many of the Mission's M Men groups are preparing to enter the competition. A letter received May 7 by Elder M. Neff Smart, Y. M. M. I. A. executive secretary, from Supervising Elder Douglas L. Anderson of Bristol District (see cut) is typical of the enthusiasm in M Men work. It begins: "I just arrived home from an M Men meeting where 25 were present. There were several others who sent excuses. Nearly all have passed their tests and are ready to fire the first shot. I asked about M Men pins and I find that about a dozen want them now and more later on. Will you please plan to have plenty of pins on hand for us? . . ."

Various newspaper articles and pictures depicting M Men softball activities have appeared. Some of the news-organs which have published stories recently are *Bristol Evening World* and *Times*, *Hull Daily Mail*, *Northeastern Daily Gazette* and *Leicester Mercury*.

Latter-day Saints have always taught and practised physical development, and no other church has a better or more complete code of health woven into its theology. The Mormon Word of Wisdom enjoins abstinence from tea, coffee, tobacco, liquor and excessive use of meat. The Prophet Joseph Smith excelled in the sports of his day: wrestling, jumping, vaulting over a pole, hurling a heavy weight and pitching horseshoes. President Heber J. Grant, as a youth, played on a championship baseball team.

## CONQUERING NEW FRONTIERS

*By Elder Wendell J. Ashton*

**A**S the earth turns, new problems rise on new horizons. Fresh frontiers are always silently but defiantly hurling their challenges in the pathway of man's progression.

No people of modern history have had more frontiers to cross than have the Latter-day Saints. Back in the glimmering genesis of the restored Church they struggled against destitution and the molestations of mobs. Then they pushed 1500 miles out across a yawning wilderness, and in the vales of the mountains met the daring of the desert.

But today those frontiers have passed. Yet, new ones have sprung up in their stead. They are those frontiers born of a machine age. They are unemployment and accompanying idleness and poverty. In the wake of a world-wide depression, families have been left without means and able hands without work. These conditions have had their ramifications. Idleness has eaten at men's character, vitiated their ambition and darkened their outlook on life. In America, the federal government has announced that conditions have made it necessary for a curtailment of its depression "dole" in the near future. This has left a problem.

With the same God-given organization which builded a temple in Kirtland amidst penury and abuse, translated a bog into "Nauvoo—The City Beautiful" and the desert into a rose, the Church is taking the lead in meeting this issue. A Relief Project has been launched in the Stakes of the Church this Spring which is already winning applause in America and augurs increasing attention from the world in the future. The purpose of this new "pioneering" project is social security, financial independence and work for all. Extending throughout Mormon communities in Canada, the United States and Mexico, it is demonstrating

### An Emblem

EMBLEMATIC of Latter-day Saint accomplishment through group cooperation and heaven-inspired organization is the sculpture "New Life and New Frontiers" by Avard Fairbanks, a picture of which appears on this week's *Star* cover.

These figures in clay, a story in themselves, were created by the Mormon sculptor as a companion piece to "The Tragedy of Winter Quarters" (*Star* cover, March 19). Avard Fairbanks' versatility in sculpture has won him an international reputation. Some of his better known works are "Hawaiian Motherhood" in Laie, Hawaii; "Doughboy of Idaho" (state memorial); "Three Witnesses" Memorial in Salt Lake City, and "Heat" and "Power" panels in the University of Oregon. His "Doughboy" and "Big Horn Sheep" statues have been used for radiator caps on modern cars. One of London's elite magazines featured a picture of one of his models on its cover.

anew that Mormonism is a practical religion, that the Church is one which looks after the temporal as well as the spiritual interests of its members. Then, too, it is proving once again the efficacy

of the Church organization, a social system which Richard T. Ely, the noted economist, has described :

So far as I can judge from what I have seen, the organization of the Mormons is the most nearly perfect piece of social mechanism with which I have ever in any way come in contact, excepting alone the German army.\*

This project is executed virtually without cost. All of the work and plans of aiding the idle and the poor are flowing through the channels of well-established wards and stakes with a closely-knit relationship to each other and to the First Presidency and the Presiding Bishopric, under whose direction, with the assistance of a central committee, the Project is being carried out.



Harvesting Sugar Beets in Utah

There will be work and supplies for everyone.

sacrifice and work the Golden Rule. Last autumn the First Presidency, through the Presiding Bishopric, made a survey of economic conditions of members, determining exactly how many were on Church and government relief and how many were unemployed. After these statistics had been compiled, the Project was outlined. Its objective is to have accumulated in the storehouses of the Church by October General Conference sufficient food and clothing to provide for every needy Latter-day Saint family during the winter.

The system is simple, but effective. A central committee composed of Elder Melvin J. Ballard of the Council of Twelve Apostles, Bishop Sylvester Q. Cannon, President Harold B. Lee of Pioneer Stake and Elder Mark Austin, former president of Fremont Stake, has been appointed to operate under the direction of the First Presidency and Presiding Bishopric. By May 8 they had created 13 regional committees. Each region is composed of between four and 16 stakes. Each stake is normally composed of about seven wards, each ward having a membership of about 800 persons. The regions are geographically divided and associated together for the purpose of cooperation and exchange.

\*Harper's Magazine, Vol. 106 (1903), pp. 667-78.

If one region has a surplus of foodstuff and another a "surplus" of needy, then exchanges will be effected. All will be cared for.

Each region will have a central storehouse. Each stake will have a storehouse, and many wards will have storehouses. Each ward has an employment committee and a relief committee—all composed of Priesthood members who pursue normal occupations and who contribute their time, their efforts and their skill freely to the Church.

Cooperating in the Project is the Relief Society, whose membership is aiding "by directing and assisting the needy sisters of the ward in drying and preserving fruits and vegetables, providing clothing and bedding, etc." This work is not new to this women's organization, which has been succouring the sick and caring for the poor of the Church since 1842.

**W**ITH the establishment of the storehouses, the payment of tithing in kind is reintroduced. This system, practised by the Mormon Pioneers, was a potent contributing factor in the economic salvation of early Utah. The Latter-day Saint tithing system enjoins a payment of one-tenth of one's income for the maintenance of the Church. If one's income is in the form of grains of the field and fruits of the trees, in these may the tithing be paid into the storehouses of the Church.

Part of the Project is a make-work plan for agricultural sections of the Church. One of the chief crops in America's intermountain region is sugar beets. In those wards in which there is suitable land and facilities, sugar beets will be raised under ward supervision. They will be planted, cultivated and harvested under the direction of the ward bishoprics. Pay will be advanced to workers before the harvest in order that they might have means for their families. Large sugar manufacturing companies in Utah and Idaho are cooperating by advancing to the credit of wards seeds and fertilizer and field staff workers.

Everywhere possible there is cooperative marketing and cooperative production under Church supervision.

Nothing from the Church storehouses will go to the idler. All who are able will work. In his remarks at the first regional meeting of the new Project, President Heber J. Grant deplored laziness, and emphasized, "We want our people to work and to work earnestly."

Work has always been a foundation stone in Latter-day Saint economy. Read these excerpts from the inspired writings of the Prophet Joseph Smith: "Let every man be diligent in all things. And the idler shall not have place in the church, except he repent and mend his ways." "And by their desires and their works ye shall know them." "And if a person gains more knowledge and intelligence in this life through his diligence and obedience than another, he will have so much the advantage in the world to come."

Latter-day Saints believe that one of the greatest blessings ever given to man came in the form of one of the first of the commandments: "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread." Indeed they agree with Thomas Carlyle that "work is the grand cure of all the maladies and miseries that have ever beset mankind," and with Martin Luther, that "to rest is to rust."

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THURSDAY, MAY 21, 1936

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EDITORIAL

THE EMPIRE IN DANGER

**B**Y this heading we do not wish to create alarm—only to call attention to a situation having dangerous possibilities. This situation has arisen out of the collapse of Abyssinia as an independent nation. This collapse revealed, what Signor Mussolini undoubtedly knew, that the League was too impotent to prevent or stop Italian aggression in the land of the Emperor.

The fall of Abyssinia is loudly declared in certain quarters to be a blow to British prestige, besides creating new dangers for the Empire. Certainly it has created new problems for the League at Geneva, the solution of which is likely to bring about important changes in the League organization and covenant. This is written before it is known what these changes will be. However, it is known that the League is faced with at least two alternatives, dissolution or reform. But we think dissolution will not occur. More than ever, it is generally recognized, the world needs a league of nations, a league strong enough and ready and willing to prevent a European war. The use of airplanes and poisonous gas in the war in Africa has convincingly demonstrated that frightful slaughter would attend a war in Europe. But unless there is an agency that can and will either prevent or at once stop such a war its beginnings will not be long delayed. This is the concensus of informed opinion.

What will come out of Geneva? All the world is eager to know. But action there is likely to be slow, for it should be wise. This will require careful and thorough deliberation. Unfortunately for the peace of the world, a factor has crept into international relations that is exceedingly disturbing. This is *distrust*. Some years ago all the great nations signed the Kellogg-Briand Pact, and thus agreed to ban war as an instrument of national policy. Did Japan break this agreement when she went into China and Manchuria? Did Italy when she went into Abyssinia last October? It is charged that several nations of Europe have violated treaty agreements during recent years. And so at the moment a fear that a treaty obligation is but "a scrap of paper" to be discarded at will is one of the greatest handicaps to world peace.

So experience teaches that the world needs now more than ever before an organization of nations that is strong and ready enough to preserve the peace—"to enforce peace" as it was called in America twenty years ago. There is a widespread hope that out of Geneva such an organization will soon come. For it can truthfully be said that the people of no nation want war.



If such a catastrophe comes it can certainly be charged to rulers and dictators.

Wherein does the collapse of Abyssinian resistance create a new danger for the Empire? Abyssinia has been proclaimed Italian. From Paris came the news that France would insist that an army of native troops only large enough to maintain order be raised in Abyssinia. But of course the Duce will do as he pleases in this matter. Suppose he decides that Egypt is needed in the new Roman empire. He will not go to war with England just yet. He is not ready. First the Abyssinians will have to be trained and equipped in the methods and with the implements of modern warfare. This done, a powerful force will be ready for action. Egypt lies between Abyssinia and Libya, two Italian possessions. With Egypt in her possession, Italy could close the Suez Canal whenever she wanted to, thus blocking the way to India, Australia, and the Orient. Needless to go farther; every Britain can see the danger and its possibilities. Is it a real one?

The military power of Italy has been increasing apace during recent years. There are no signs that this increase will be stopped. What has Mussolini in view? He has publicly declared that the power and glory of ancient Rome should be restored. What are his plans? Obviously, expansion in Africa and increased influence in Europe are his objectives. Even now, though Austria is a member of the League and voted that Italy was an aggressor, the Austrian press rejoices on the success of Italian arms in Africa. Anti-British feeling has been cultivated in Italy. Has there been design in this?

Now there is nothing more true than that the British people do not want war. How shall they avoid it? By joining the pacifist movement and refuse under any circumstances to fight or to say to the world, "We will repel aggression with all our might and main, using every legal means within our power?" Which of these two policies is better? In the matter of world peace Britain is today the most influential nation. If she is to continue in a strong position of leadership for peace, must not her people be united in this cause? "United we stand, divided we fall," is a challenging motto at the present time.

The English-speaking peoples of the world will never enter upon another war of aggression. They are, further, the great conservators of democracy and individual liberty. What preparations shall they make and what policies shall they follow to make their influence for peace dominant in a rapidly re-arming world? These questions should challenge the careful and prayerful attention of their citizens. For the sake of freedom and religious liberty these democracies must not be overwhelmed. Let all Christians pray in faith for wisdom and divine guidance.—  
JOSEPH F. MERRILL.

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## THE CHURCH HELPING ITS MEMBERS

As an example of religion in action we ask our readers to study Elder Ashton's article, printed on another page, on the help the Church is giving to its needy in America, hit so hard by the long depression. We shall again refer to this matter in next week's *Star*.—JOSEPH F. MERRILL.

## THIS WEEK IN MORMON HISTORY

### Writing On Page No. 36,406 Of The Millennial Star

IN the world of literature, this has been said to be an era of biographies. A stroll down Charing Cross Road, London's street of books, will bring before one's eyes a rich assortment of gaily coloured cover jackets, embellished with portraits of personalities in the various walks of life. There seems to be a new flair for facts, for history, for things as they are.

There is no more interesting "biography" anywhere than the story of your *Millennial Star*, which May 27 enters its ninety-seventh year. This mute but faithful, inspiring and informative servant is the oldest publication of the restored Church, and indeed its life is eventful. To attempt to write only a cursory "eulogy" on the *Star* would take chapters. And so to celebrate its ninety-sixth birthday anniversary perhaps we might peep between the covers here and there in the wall of brown, diced calf volumes in the European Mission Library on the third floor of 5 Gordon Square of London's Bloomsbury section—and discover for ourselves why its tale is so lustrous.

We begin our story on this, exactly the 36,406th page of the *Millennial Star*, and shall turn back through the years to Volume 1, Number 1, to receive some of the rays of sunshine which have tinted its leaves in decades gone by. The first issue of the *Star* appeared in May, 1840. The name plate was identically the same as it is today. The size of the pages was the same. The name of Parley P. Pratt appeared on the first page as editor, and gracing the cover was a poem from his pen which today is sung as a song of joy by saints in many lands—*The Morning Breaks, The Shadows Flee*. The first copies of the *Star* were published in Manchester. Two years later the printing offices were removed to Liverpool, which has since been the home of its mechanical makeup. The first number of the *Star* was 24 pages and in the beginning it was a monthly.

Our hurried glance through the volumes reveals that many great personalities have sat in the editor's chair. There have been men who were to become presidents of the Church. There have been illustrious Congressmen, university presidents, scientists, scholars, poets and authors. President Brigham Young is known as a colonizer, a pioneer, a statesman, an engineer and a business man. He was also an editor. At one time (July 12, 1840) he referred in his diary to his work on the *Millennial Star*:

I preached in the hall in the morning, and Brother Woodruff in the evening. We confirmed four. Soon after our conference Brother Parley P. Pratt started for America, to bring his family to England, and I took charge of the *Millennial Star*, and edited the same, assisted by Brother Willard Richards. I was much confined to the office for several months, proof-reading the Hymn Book, conducting and issuing the *Millennial Star*, Hymn Book and Book of Mormon, giving counsel to the Elders throughout the European Mission, preaching, baptizing and confirming.

The name of President Joseph F. Smith appears on the *Star* as editor during the seventies, and in 1904-06 volumes President

Heber J. Grant's name is listed. Other great names flash across the editorial pages as we thumb them: Orson Pratt, first Mormon Pioneer to enter Salt Lake Valley when it was still a desert and an eminent scholar; Orson Spenser, first president of America's first university west of the Missouri River (University of Utah, then Deseret); George Q. Cannon, Congressman; B. H. Roberts, writer, orator and statesman; James E. Talmage, author and scholar, and many others.

Throughout, the *Star* is jewelled with gems of literature. Some of the great works which have clothed its pages are *Spenser's Letters*, *History of the Church*, *Orson Pratt's Journal*, *Book of Abraham* and *Was Joseph Smith Sent of God*. Many of the favourite hymns of the Church first appeared in the *Star*.

Charles W. Penrose, the London boy who became one of the leaders in the Church, first published his famous *School Thy Feelings* in the *Star*, and many of the poetical works of two other native Britons, John Nicholson and John Jacques, spring up as the leaves flutter by.

There is much in the *Star* to strengthen one's testimony of the divinity of the Gospel,

but nothing is more remarkable and convincing than some of the prophecies which grace its yellow-edged pages. On pages 168 and 169 of March, 1842 issue there appear some significant words of Apostle Orson Hyde, who had just dedicated Palestine as gathering place for Israel. He was writing to Editor Parley P. Pratt, and among his sentences were these:

It was by political power and influence that the Jewish nation was broken down, and her subjects dispersed abroad; and I will here hazard the opinion, that by political power and influence they will be gathered and built up; and further, that England is destined in the wisdom and economy of heaven to stretch forth the arm of political power and advance, in the front of this glorious enterprise.

Many of the prophets of old had foretold the gathering in the latter days of the Jews in the land of their fathers, but this prophecy preserved in the *Star* is singular in that it anticipated 75 years before the very nation (Britain) which would open the door



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**Early Nineteenth Century Manchester**  
(From a painting by John Ralston)

Presenting a glimpse of the city as it appeared shortly before the *Star* was born there.

of Palestine, before the World War under Turkish rule, for the rehabilitation of the Jews.

Through the time-stained pages of the *Star* are other prophecies which have been fulfilled since the date of publication. The Prophet Joseph Smith's prediction in 1843 on the fate of Stephen A. Douglas appears in February 26, 1859 issue, and in the *Star* of July 15, 1851 is contained an advertisement of the publishing of a prophecy of the Prophet naming the precise place where the American Civil War would break out ten years later.

In our journey through the *Star* volumes we occasion upon accounts of many memorable events in the history of the Church. Trickling through the numbers of 1847 and 1848—during the editorships of Orson Spenser and Orson Pratt—are letters from Pioneers in Salt Lake Valley, describing their new venture of cultivating a desert land and making it a garden place. A special 16-page supplement is bound into August, 1844 issue. It is marked off with a heavy, black border. It contains the announcement of the martyrdom of the Prophet Joseph Smith on June 27 of that year, giving the account of how he sealed his testimony with his blood, spilled at Carthage Jail by mobbers with painted faces.

And so all through the history of the Church since 1840, its heart-beats, its pulsations are preserved in the *Star*. Each volume in itself contains a sheaf of soul-stirring stories.

Since 1852 the *Star* has been issued weekly, and not in the past 36 years while James Foggo has served as printer has it once been held up with delay.

Your *Star* has a story indeed. To dip into its contents from the shelves at 5 Gordon Square is to visit with the leaders in the Lord's work for the century past, to catch the happy melody which beat in a host of poets' bosoms, to feel the warmth of testimonies that have burned within great souls, and to travel along in the "*Star* light" with the restored Church as it marches triumphantly on.

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### Other Anniversaries This Week

**May 21, 1888**—The Manti Temple was dedicated by Apostle Lorenzo Snow.

**May 23, 1905**—The Church purchased the Mack Farm in Sharon, Windsor County, Vermont, where the Prophet Joseph Smith was born.—WENDELL J. ASHTON.

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### CONQUERING NEW FRONTIERS

(Concluded from page 327)

With the very sweat of the brow, with a common desire to "share their wealth" in a spirit of brotherhood and love, Latter-day Saints are moving forward toward the summit of a new objective of providing social security, financial independence and work for all. In very deed they are answering the challenge of a new frontier with the same unanimity, organization and fervour that has won for them the esteem of the world in Mormon accomplishments of the past.

## NORWICH DISTRICT CONFERENCE

IN his evening session remarks at Norwich District conference Sunday, May 10, President Joseph J. Cannon quoted the statement of a German professor that Joseph Smith was the most outstanding world character since Jesus Christ. President Cannon gave as reasons that Joseph Smith had introduced through the revelation of God the most remarkable social and spiritual system the world knows. He spoke of the social, or external, side of the latter-day work, naming the Church organization, the lay Priesthood, the missionary system, tithing, the Word of Wisdom and the auxiliaries. On the spiritual side, President Cannon referred to the new concept of the Trinity as three personal Gods, two of whom had appeared to Joseph Smith. He also spoke of the sincerity in the work and effort as part of the spiritual attitude, of pre-existence, the activities in the spirit world, the resurrection, the differing glories, marriage for eternity and eternal progression.

Other speakers at the evening meeting, held in Norwich Branch Chapel, 60 Park Lane, Norwich, were Sister Ramona W. Cannon, Mission Relief Society president, and Supervising Elder Rex A. Skidmore. District President Alfred Burrell conducted, and 153 persons were in attendance.

Brother John F. Cook of the district presidency conducted the afternoon testimony meeting, and Brother Alfred Woodhouse of the district presidency conducted the morning sessions, speakers at which were Sister Cannon, Elder Bertram T. Willis, Mission Sunday School superintendent; Brother Douglas Coleby and Sister Bessie Gowing.

Vocal music at the sessions was provided by the Mission M Men Quartette (Elders J. Sterling Astin, Gilbert R. Langton, Bertram T. Willis and Elvon G. Jackson), the Singing Mothers and Daughters and Sister Mildred E. Jennis and Elder Astin (solos).

The conference was preceded by a Saturday evening concert.

## NEWS OF THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD

**Conference** of European Mission presidents has been called for Berlin, Germany, beginning June 11, by President Joseph F. Merrill. The sessions will convene at the German-Austrian Mission headquarters, Handelallee 6, Berlin N. W. 87. President Merrill and President Joseph J. Cannon will attend from the London offices. The last European Mission presidents' conference was held in Liege, Belgium June 20-30, 1935.

**Visitor** in London this week is Elder James H. Moyle of Washington D. C., United States Commissioner of Customs. In Europe, with Sister Moyle, on official government business since arriving on the s.s. *Manhattan* April 28, Elder Moyle is devoting some of his time in England to seeking genealogy. Prior to his appointment to the high position in the American government three years ago, Elder Moyle was president of the Eastern

States Mission of the Church. A close personal friend of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, he also served as assistant Secretary of the Treasury during President Woodrow Wilson's second term (1917-21). He spoke Sunday, May 17, at London District Conference, a report of which will appear in next week's issue.

**Boy Scouts** of America have honoured Elder George Albert Smith of the Council of Twelve Apostles with an appointment on the advisory committee of the nation's Senior Scouting. America's Senior Scouting Programme includes the Explorer Group, patterned after the Vanguard work in the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association of the Church. Elder Smith, who is also a member of the National Council of Boy Scouts of America, meets with the committee at the National Council Meeting in Atlantic City in June.

## OF CURRENT INTEREST

**Happenings**—For the world, last week was an eventful one. Mrs. Amy Mollison of Britain established a new record for London-to-Cape-town flight of three days six hours 26 minutes, making the return trip of 15,000 miles in seven days, 22 minutes 43 seconds. In Abyssinia, Signor Mussolini prepares to colonize, after making Italy's King Victor Emmanuel Emperor of Ethiopia. Meanwhile, Haile Selassie of Abyssinia is an emperor without a country, now residing in a Jerusalem hotel. League of Nations sanctions continue on Italy. Averaging 71.3 miles per hour, Germany's *Hindenburg* airship spanned 4,381 miles across the Atlantic (from Friedrichshafen, Germany to Lakehurst, U.S.A.) in record time of 61

hours 39 minutes. Field-Marshal Viscount Allenby, 75, Britain's conqueror of Palestine in the World War, died at his London home May 15. In Austria, virtual dictatorial powers have been gained by Chancellor Kurt Von Schuschnigg, with the stripping of Prince Starhemberg of practically all of his political power. Once "co-dictator" with Schuschnigg and successor of the late Dr. Engelbert Dollfuss as leader of Austria's Patriotic Front, the Prince is now without an armed army. His Heimwehr (private army) has been disarmed by Chancellor Schuschnigg. Arab revolts have been occurring in Palestine, where immigrant Jews are redeeming the land.

## FROM THE MISSION FIELD

**Releases**—Honourably released May 4 were Elder Keith M. Macfarlane, who has laboured in Manchester, London, Irish (supervising elder) and Scottish districts, to return to his Cedar City, Utah home,

Tanner and Norman A. Jensen were transferred from Nottingham to Manchester District May 6, and Elder Rodney J. Shirley was transferred from Manchester to Leeds District May 7.

### IS YOUR POEM IN?

Are you entering the *MILLENNIAL STAR*-M. I. A. Kidderminster Poetry Contest? If so, you have only until Saturday, May 23 to file your contribution. All poems must be postmarked May 23 or earlier. All saints and friends of the Mission, except travelling missionaries and M. I. A. board members, are eligible. To the winner will go a guest ticket, providing free meals and lodging at the M. I. A. Conference in Kidderminster at Whitsuntide. Post your poem into the Kidderminster Poetry Contest, 5 Gordon Square, London, W. C. 1 now!

and Elder Alva L. Thomas, who has laboured in Norwich and Welsh districts, to return to his Magna, Utah home.

**Transfers**—Elders Richard S.

**Doings in the Districts: Manchester**—Miss Jessie Bishop was honoured guest at a "Coming of Age" social in Hyde Branch rooms Saturday, April 25. Games and dancing, followed by refreshments, comprised the programme.

Sunday School conference was held in Manchester Branch hall Sunday, April 19. Talks were given by Brother John Bleakley of London District, Elders Ellis E. Craig and Stanley H. Heal, Brother Lawrence Gregson, Sisters Ida Robertson and Alice Selby and Misses Annie Heald, Lilian Craig and Bessie Bowett. Sister Selby and Miss Craig sang a duet.

Manchester Branch saints and friends enjoyed an Easter Monday outing on Roman Lake at Marple.

Boating and community singing were enjoyed.

**Welsh**—Elder Alva Thomas, who soon leaves for his Magna, Utah home, was honoured at a social and dinner arranged by sisters of Merthyr Tydfil Branch Friday, May 1. The programme was arranged by Brother Ernest Pulman.

**London**—Co-operative Hall on Seven Sisters Road was the scene of a gay M Men dance Saturday, May 2. One hundred guests danced to the strains of the Embassy Dance Band. Y. M. M. I. A. President Albert E. Downs was in charge of arrangements, and Mr. John Andamer was master of ceremonies.

North London Branch M. I. A. honour day was held in the branch hall Friday, May 1, under the direction of Y. M. M. I. A. President Albert E. Downs and Y. W. M. I. A. President Florence Burgess. Numbers were contributed by the departments of M. I. A. Brothers Ralph S. Mount and James P. Hill gave talks and Sister Madeline E. R. Hill a monologue.

North London M Men and St. Albans Gleaners were victorious in

London District track and field meet at Regent's Park Saturday, May 9. North London M Men accumulated 37 points; St. Albans, 23, and Southwest London, 20. St.

Albans Gleaners aggregated 16 points, North London, 13, and Southwest London, 3. Individual M Men winners were: 100 yard dash—Brother Thomas Price, North; high jump, Brother John Bleakley, Southwest; half-mile run, Brother Albert E. Downs, North; shot put, Brother John Bleakley, Southwest; 220 yard dash—Mr. Ray Nichols, St. Albans; broad jump—Brother John Bleakley, Southwest; 440 yard run—Brother John Bleakley, Southwest; football kick—Brother Bert Willmott, North, and half-mile relay, St. Albans. Gleaner winners were: 50-yard dash—Miss Connie Choufett, North; 120-yard relay—North and St. Albans (tie), skip-rope, St. Albans; target throw, Sister Edith Osborn, St. Albans. At

### A Reader 81 Years

IN a drawn scroll that comes from an aged hand, a letter arrived at the *Millennial Star* office a few days ago. It came from Deseret, a little farming town in a farming sector of central Utah. It was from Patriarch Samuel W. Western, who has been a *Star* subscriber longer than any other reader—81 years. It is presented here as a birthday letter to the *Star*, which enters its ninety-seventh continuous year May 27:

Editor Joseph F. Merrill.

Dear Brother:

*I received a note a few days ago asking me if I wished to have the Star continue to come. Yes, I do want it to come and my wife wants it also. The third day of last December I was a member of the Church 81 years and the following day I was 92 years old. I have been a worker in the Church most of my life and have held many positions and the Priesthood from Priest to Patriarch. I filled a two-year mission to England over 45 years ago and was president of Birmingham Conference nearly two years, and had three sons on missions. . . . I have been a reader of the Star since I was 11 years old. . . . I let the Star do some good among neighbours, letting them read it. I love to learn how the work of the Lord is progressing in foreign lands. Am getting old and a bit shaky. Can't write much. God bless you, my brother, in God's work.*

Your brother in the Gospel,  
Samuel W. Western.

the concert which followed in "Ravenslea," Brother Ralph Mount of North London Branch won in M Men public speaking.

**Sheffield**—Sheffield District's an-

nial M. I. A. Honour Day was held Saturday, May 2, in Yorkshire Traction Company Sports Ground. A programme of dancing, speaking and music followed in Y. M. C. A. Hall. Barnsley Branch M Men won the track and field meet, and Brother Peter Hamstead of Rawmarsh M Men won the public speaking laurels.

At services in Sheffield Branch Chapel Sunday, May 10, Agnes Annie Jean Burton and Peter Graham Batt were baptized by Elder Willard L. Fullmer and confirmed by Supervising Elder Alva D. Greene and Brother James G. Batt, respectively. District President George H. Bailey spoke on "Baptism."

Superintendent George A. Stubbs conducted Mother's Day services in Sheffield Branch Sunday School May 10. Speakers were Brothers John B. Hoge and Harry V. Bailey and Sisters Lonisa Gratton and Rita F. Hardy. Music was contributed by the Singing Mothers and Sunday School children, and Misses Betty Johnson and May Grice presented mothers with flowers.

**Leeds**—District Y.M.M.I.A. Supervisor T. I. Watkins was in charge of the district M Men track and field meet at Horsfall Sports Ground Saturday, May 2. Results were:

100-yard dash—A. Warnes (Clayton) :11. 4; 220-yard dash—A. Warnes (Clayton). :25; 440-yard run—T. I. Watkins (Bradford), 1: 02; high jump—T. I. Watkins (Bradford), 4 feet 7 inches; broad jump—T. I. Watkins (Bradford), 16 feet; putting the shot (16 lbs.)—F. Haigh (Halifax), 24 feet 11 inches. Bradford and Clayton branches tied with 26 points each and Halifax scored 8.

**Personals**—The first marriage ever to be held in Sheffield Branch Chapel took place Saturday, May 9, with the uniting of Brother Herbert Bailey, second Counsellor in the district presidency, and Sister Winifred Ludham, District Primary supervisor. District President George H. Bailey officiated. Branch President Harry V. Bailey gave the bride away, and Elder George W. Shupe was best man. Gowned in white satin beaute, the bride was attended by Sisters Dorothy M. Bailey, Rose B. Bailey, Mabel Bailey and Rita F. Hardy. Vocal music was rendered by Sister Rachael Thomson of Doncaster Branch. More than 200 persons, including ten newspapermen, attended the ceremony, pictures of which appeared in various journals, including London's *Daily Express*, all accompanied by favourable reports. Forty guests attended the reception.

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